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FORMER CHEERLEADING GYM COACH ARRAIGNED ON CHARGES HE ALLEGEDLY RAPED A FEMALE STUDENT

BROCKTON – A Brockton man was arraigned late Monday on charges he allegedly raped a female athlete while working as a coach at a West Bridgewater cheerleading gym, Plymouth County District Attorney Timothy J. Cruz announced today.

Nicholas D. Johnson (DOB: 01/13/89) was arraigned late Monday afternoon on one count each of Aggravated Rape of a Child, Enticement of a Minor and Posing a Child in a State of Nudity. The Commonwealth requested and Johnson was held on $50,000 cash bail.

Parents of the female victim contacted West Bridgewater Police about an alleged sexual relationship between their daughter and Johnson. He was employed for approximately one year as the victim's gymnastic coach at Full House All Stars Cheerleading gym, located in West Bridgewater. The victim told police that Johnson allegedly sexually assaulted her on one occasion and took her off the gym property on one other occasion.

Police approached Johnson on October 14 with the allegations. That same day, police learned of a single vehicle accident on Route 24 North where a vehicle went off the road and crashed. Johnson was the driver of the vehicle and was taken to Norwood Hospital where he was treated for minor injuries. He was released from the hospital Monday afternoon and Norwood Police arrested him and he was brought to Brockton District Court for arraignment.

Johnson was fired from Full House All Stars last week. He is next scheduled to appear in court on November 18.

The investigation is ongoing.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Keara Kelley and is being investigated by West Bridgewater Police and Brockton Police.

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